

**ELECTRIC UTILITIES TASK GROUP
FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2011
TOWN HALL, OLD TOWN ROAD
12:30 P.M.**

Present: Michael Ballard, Barbara MacMullan, Bill Penn.

Not Present: Everett Shorey

Also present were Paul Rich, Bill Moore, C.R. McGinnes, Mike Hickey, David Lewis, Peter Baute, Jeff Broadhead, Peg Lewis, Mary Ellen McCabe, Marcia McCabe Wilbur, Jeff Grybowski, Bryan Wilson, Daniel Lewis and Dan West.

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 by Barbara MacMullan

Approve minutes from June 21, 2011

Minutes were approved as written in a motion by Bill Penn and seconded by Mike Ballard.

Ayes 3(MacMullan, Penn, Ballard) Nays 0 Absent 1(Shorey)

Deepwater Update

Paul Rich spoke about today's Deepwater Open House. He mentioned that the power purchase agreement case was settled and that cable negotiations were picking up. Mr. Rich thought that the timeline for permit applications would be the first quarter of next year. This process would take about one year. Construction could begin in 2013. Mike Hickey came to the meeting with a prepared list of questions for Deepwater representatives. (See attached). This list included financial questions, operational questions, and logistic questions.

Discussion of Community Forum on Electricity Alternatives

The Town Council had approved the selection of Consensus Building Institute for facilitating the meeting and agreed to fund it. It was suggested that they be invited out to our next meeting.

There was no action on this. Dates for the forum were discussed. Bill Penn will contact CBI to see if Columbus Weekend is available.

The EUTG members agreed that since the primary goal of the group was to reduce the cost of electricity that the forum's focus should be what happens if Deepwater doesn't happen? The list of items for discussion would be:

1. Do nothing
2. Stand alone cable
3. Wind
4. Solar (Individual)
5. Conservation
6. Any combo of above 3
7. New Technologies
8. Municipal ratepayer co-op.
9. Smart Grid technology
10. Distributed generation

Barbara MacMullan will begin collecting information from previous studies.

With no further business to discuss at 2:00 p.m. a motion was made by Barbara MacMullan and seconded by Bill Penn to adjourn and voted unanimously.

Minutes approved:

Bonny Ryan
Assistant Clerk

